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TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM), EG

SUBJECT: MRS. SIMON'S SCHEDULE

1. DURING BRIEFING BY DEPARTMENT OFFICERS MORNING FEBRUARY 19 MRS. SIMON EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VISITING ABU SIMBEL FROM LUXOR MARCH 6, RATHER THAN GOING WITH PARTY TO CAIRO, AND THEN JOINING PARTY EVENING SAME DAY IN CAIRO FOR REST OF TRIP. MRS. SIMON WOULD LIKELY BE ACCOMPANIED ON ABU SIMBEL EXCURSION BY ONE OR TWO OF THE OTHER LADIES IN PARTY. IF VISIT ABU SIMBEL NOT POSSIBLE, MRS. SIMON MIGHT WISH IN ANY EVENT TO REMAIN IN LUXOR FOR DAY, JOINING REST OF PARTY LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 6 IN CAIRO.

2. SPECIFICALLY, COULD EMBASSY ARRANGE FLIGHT EARLY MORNING MARCH 6 FROM LUXOR TO LANDING FIELD NEAR ABU SIMBEL AND RETURN TO CAIRO LATE AFTERNOON SAME DAY FOR MRS. SIMON AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS? FYI: MRS. SIMON IS NOT RPT NOT INTERESTED IN LONG RIDE WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY RULE OUT USE OF HOVER CRAFT FROM ASWAN TO ABU SIMBEL. END FYI. IF ABU SIMBEL VISIT NOT PRACTICAL, CAN ALTERNATE TRAVEL BE ARRANGED TO BRING MRS. SIMON FROM LUXOR TO CAIRO LATE

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